

Jan → Mar 244

Philip became emperor early in 244 between Jan & Mar 244. His first concern was to consolidate his hold on power by returning to Rome, & to do this quickly, he agreed to peace terms with the Persian king SHAPUR^I. Philip agreed to make a down payment of 500,000 denarii, in addition to an annual indemnity. Once this was settled, Philip placed his brother Gaius Julius普鲁斯 in overall charge of the

western provinces and returned to Rome. There he announced that GORDIAN III had died of illness and organized a state funeral and divine hymns for GORDIAN III.

(This was not true, for Philip murdered GORDIAN III.)

Feb 244

Accession of Philip the Arab to the
throne

His wife was Marcia Otacilia
Severa!

Children: Son Marcus Julius
Philippus (Junian)

244-249

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Goths invaded the Roman province of Dacia.

244-249 AD

PHILIPPUS ARABS
was emperor

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PHILIPPIUS ARABS, Peace
with Persia,

Thousandth anniversary of
foundation of Rome was
celebrated in 248

MOESIAN and PAVONIAN
legions revolt and proclaim one
of their officers emperor.

Feb 244

With the death of Temesithes, the heat seems to have gone out of the campaign. Philip the Arab used his position not to further the expedition but to undermine Gordian's position & foment mutiny among the troops. Supply difficulties and military reverses were blamed on the young emperor's incompetence, and Philip cleverly manipulated the situation to have himself appointed regent. Gordian, now 19 yrs.

old, found his position increasingly untenable,
and in camp near CIRCESIUM, he called
upon the soldiers to choose between himself
and Philip. The gamble failed: the soldiers
voted for Philip, and Gordian III was killed.
A monument was raised to him near the spot
where he died, on the banks of the EUPHRATES
some 20 mi from CIRCESIUM. His remains,
however, were brought back for burial to Rome:
where the senate proclaimed his deification.

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Gordian III was murdered
near CIRCEIUM in
Mesopotamia in Feb 244

244-249

Goths

King Ostrogotha of the Goths
(both Visigoths & Ostrogoths) was supposedly
a contemporary of the emperor Philip
the Arab (244-249)

16 men were given or claimed
the title of Augustus (emperors) and
none of them died an entirely natural
death.

Some were killed in battle, others were
murdered by their own supporters, and
at least one died of the plague.

The period ends with the Roman empire at
its nadir, and a Roman emperor dying in

slavery among the Persians

244-249

Philip the Arab was Emperor